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1. [redacted] the following numbers of freight cars were available in the Soviet Zone on the days mentioned:

		6 April	11 April	26 April	2 May
Loaded:	Boxcars	12,561	9,114	12,816	11,242
	Flatcars	6,660	3,669	6,259	6,545
	Gondola cars	23,936	18,003	22,921	20,627
	Tank cars	1,223	888	1,181	1,259
	including Ziw type cars	(498)	(467)	(581)	
	Refrigerator cars	85	39	75	140
	Miscellaneous cars	682	518	995	661
Empty:	Boxcars	9,197	11,138	9,295	10,824
	Flatcars	7,618	9,281	7,330	7,260
	Gondola cars	18,850	20,405	16,997	20,387
	Tank cars	2,424	1,686	2,181	1,484
	including Ziw type cars	(1,006)	(923)	(1,191)	(988)
	Refrigerator cars	246	185	205	271
	Miscellaneous cars	1,639	1496	1,543	1,399
Operational Cars		85,179	76,422	81,448	82,299
Damaged cars:	Boxcars	3,560	4,138	3,920	3,654
	Flatcars	6,584	3,499	3,291	1,145
	Gondola cars	7,394	8,494	8,191	7,325
	Tank cars	251	348	337	307
	including Ziw type cars	(166)	(7)	(121)	

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	Refrigerator cars	101	104	111	70
	Miscellaneous cars	715	795	733	723
Reserve cars:	Boxcars	821	841	201	504
	Flatcars	243	643	253	248
	Gondola cars	230	1,081	158	1,119
	Tank cars	256	267	230	251
	including ZKW type cars	(28)	(18)	(8)	
	Refrigerator cars	336	436	299	215
	Miscellaneous cars	-	-	-	-
Non-operational cars		20,451	20,646	17,724	17,561
Special purpose cars:	SCC	520	1,898	1,385	621
	Cabooses	475	485	446	443
	Hired-out cars	477	488	576	938
	Railroad service cars	2,515	2,506	2,482	1,908
	Miscellaneous cars	614	673	685	578
Total		4,601	6,050	5,574	4,488
Grand total:		110,231	103,118	104,746	104,348

Note. ZKW type cars are used for the shipment of white products such as gasoline, benzol, Diesel oil, petroleum, etc. *

25X1 2. [redacted] 20,000 former German boxcars were bought back from the U.S.S.R. but the actual number of boxcars returned by the U.S.S.R. exceeded 20,000 units. Of these, 40 percent have been put in operation, 20 percent were sent to the railroad repair shops for repair, and the remaining 40 percent proved to be beyond repair and are to be scrapped. **

25X1 3. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] two trains of 30 empty SS-type cars, 9 SSla and 2 SSy-type cars were turned over to the Soviets in Frankfurt/Oder during the period from 15 through 24 April; one train of 38 SS and 5 SSla-type cars between 25 and 29 April 1952. ***

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. The number of freight cars vary because none of the cars operating outside the Soviet Zone are recorded. The results of these 25X1 [redacted] counts therefore represent only approximate values. On 1 February 1952, a total of 103,466 freight cars was counted. [redacted] 25X1A

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25X1A **[redacted] Comment. The Soviet Zone railroad administration had to pay 3,000 eastmarks for each returned car. This operation lasted from June to late December 1951. Most of these freight cars were damaged and had to be sent to railroad repair shops for general repair. A substantial portion of them was beyond repair and had to be scrapped. When Erwin Kramer , Director General, Railroads, visited Moscow in March 1952 he reached an agreement that another series of 20,000 former German freight cars would be returned to Germany.

25X1A ***[redacted] Comment. The railroad cars mentioned are multi-axle heavy-duty flatcars with a load capacity of more than 30 tons. These flatcars are particularly suited for the shipment of tanks. This item of information therefore indicates that new tanks might be shipped from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany in May 1952. A total of 110 tanks arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany between January and March 1952. These tank shipments were included in previous transportation reports.

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